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Motion will put city on record

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The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) this week notified St. Marys that their application for an Aggregate licence is incomplete.

As yet, we do not know which items in the application were deemed incomplete. However, we do know that St. Marys has been requested to make some "minor changes to the site plans, and to provide clarification on a few points." The MNR has advised, "that as the application is not considered public information at this time, specifics can not be provided."

As ambiguous as this may sound, it is still good news for a community anxious to see how another governing agency handles this proposed quarry application.

It is now expected that St. Marys will resubmit another application to the MNR within the next couple of weeks, and at that time the Ministry has another 20 days to review the revised application and respond.

So if it seems we can breathe a sigh of relief, that breath is best saved for our next round because, if or when, the Ministry of Natural Resources does deem the application complete, we then have only 45 days to submit our objections once published notice is provided.

With that in mind, a motion from the City of Hamilton will be presented to the ministry explaining why the city feels the MNR should not allow licence approval. The motion ensures the city is on record requesting denial of the licence within the 45-day prescribed time frame of notice being published.

My community's objections come in here too, and I will be once again asking for your strong participation in getting the message out in volumes as to why this licence request should be denied.

More details to follow.